succession. It would be enough if a Marava member be nominated to the Legislative Council once in ten years and to the Assembly once in six years. But in the case of the latter, the nomination once made should be continued for two or more consecutive years.

The Maravas were by hereditary instincts unruly and troublesome. The only way to bring them to a sense of decency and self-respect was by spread of education. The Dewan had remarked in his address to the previous session of the Assembly that compulsory primary education alone would ameliorate the condition of the backward classes. Those remarks applied more to the Marava community than any other and it would be well to introduce such compulsory education among Maravas.

In conclusion, the member prayed that his suggestions should be given due consideration and all the measures within the power of the Government should be adopted for the elevation of the community.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Subbiah Tevar, I shall have the question of half-fee concessions to Maravas re-examined. I can assure you that the Government are in complete sympathy with you in your wishes to see the Marava community taking more readily to education.

In regard to members of your community who are now qualified for Government service, I shall ask all Heads of Departments to see whether it is possible to provide for one or two of them.

MEMBER : When they applied to the Heads of Departments, they were told that their claims would be considered when vacancies occurred. It is now full three years. Still they have not been able to get a place in Government service.

DEWAN : I hope they will have better luck this time.

MEMBER : Thank you, Sir.

177. Needs of the Muslims.

MR. S. AHAMAD PILLAI (*Member, Municipal Council, Attingal*) : said that the Muslim community was not at all an unimportant one; and in view to their welfare and advancement, urged that they should be allowed to return at least two members to the Legislative Council.

Secondly, the Muslims had not got an adequate or fair representation in the public service. There were many qualified men in the community, but they were not given sufficient encouragement. The Government should therefore devote greater attention to the freer entertainment of Muslims in the public service.

Lastly, he thanked the Government for the concessions granted to the Muslims in the matter of education. But in view of the further spread of education, compulsory education should be introduced in the community. The *Koran* teachers should be given grants-in-aid just like other teachers in grant-in-aid schools.

DEWAN'S REPLY : Mr. Ahamad Pillai, all your requests will be very carefully considered.

178. Needs of the Muslims.

MR. VAVA KUNJU LEBBA (*Member, Municipal Council, Kayankulam*) said that there was no necessity for keeping copies of the Holy *Koran* in courts. There were already a circular and a Proclamation in force that those who had objection to swear by their holy books should not be compelled to do so. The Mahomedans were not swearing by the *Koran* and they did not like other religionists touching the book. Copies of the Holy *Koran* should therefore be removed from courts.

The Mahomedan women were following the *gosha* system and should therefore be exempted from appearing in courts and allowed to depute their vakils instead. In cases where depositions had to be taken from them, they should be obtained through commissions appointed for the purpose.

Friday was as important to the Mahomedans as Sunday was to the Christians. In order that they might offer prayers at their mosques, every Friday should be declared a public holiday for the Mahomedans who should be exempted also from appearing in courts on that day. The two hours' leave on that day already granted by the Government was not sufficient.

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